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Subject : Re: From WP

Yea, we were just talking about this. We remember him bragging about it. Based on the 'cowboy' way he runs his lab, not at all surprised there was an outbreak.

Curious, did he ever have BSL training? I don't think so. Yea, it was his way to get work done that he could never get approvals for here.

From Hong's parents, China is insisting that the virus came from US. But, as you can see, China is shutting down all access to early samples.

Seems like if we sent it over there, you'd want everyone to examine it to prove we did wrong. Oh, and finding the receptor within weeks of the outbreak?

What a mess.

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I remember that the 'ghost' bragged about being a member of the advisory group to travel to Wuhan to help them establish the BS-4 lab. He also traveled quite a few time back to Wuhan. When the ghost declared to me that his postdoc got a wonderful job in China, I wondered then whether that was a job in Wuhan.

Otherwise I don't think he would be so excited. My theory at that time was that he was establishing another foot hold in China to do research that he is not supposed to do in the States.

Does the ghost has a sister? Could the lead researcher be related to him?